

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (ORIGINAL) Sanding element with a succession of overlapping lamellas (3,4) containing sanding grains (9), characterised in that these lamellas (3,4) are alternately formed of sanding lamellas (3) and compressible lamellas (4), whereby each sanding lamella (3) rests on a compressible lamella (4).

2. (ORIGINAL) Sanding element according to claim 1, characterized in that said sanding lamellas (3) and/or the compressible lamellas (4) are composed of several lamellas of the type concerned.

3. (ORIGINAL) Sanding element according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that said compressible lamellas (4) are elastically compressible.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Sanding element according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 2, characterised in that said compressible lamellas (4) have an open structure.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Sanding element according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 4, characterised in that said compressible lamellas contain non-woven fibres (10), more particularly non-woven synthetic fibres.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Sanding element according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 5, characterised in that said sanding grains (9) are provided on said fibres (10).

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Sanding element according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 6, characterised in that said fibres (10) are joined together by ~~means of~~ a synthetic resin and thus form a three-dimensional open structure.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Sanding element according to claim 7, characterised in that sanding grains (9) adhere to said fibres (10) by ~~means of the above-mentioned~~ synthetic resin.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Sanding element according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 8, characterised in that said sanding lamellas (3) are formed of abrasive cloth.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Sanding element according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 9, characterised in that the thickness of said compressible lamellas (4) is at least equal to three times the thickness of said sanding lamellas (3).

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) Sanding element according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 10, characterised in that said lamellas (3,4) are fixed on a round, disc-shaped support (2), whereby the free edges (7) of those lamellas (3,4) extend almost radially.

12. (NEW) Sanding element according to claim 11, wherein the fibres (10) are formed by polyamide yarns between 0.75 millimeters and 0.85 millimeters in diameter.

13. (NEW) Sanding element comprising a succession of partly overlapping lamellas (3,4) having sanding grains (9) and wherein the succession of partly overlapping lamellas (3,4) is alternately formed of sanding lamellas (3) and compressible lamellas (4), whereby an at least one sanding lamella (3) rests with its operational part on an at least one compressible lamella (4) and is supported by the at least one compressible lamella (4).

14. (NEW) Sanding element according to claim 13, wherein the at least one sanding lamella (3) covers a part of the at least one compressible lamella (4) by going over the edge of the at least one compressible lamella (4).

15. (NEW) Sanding element according to claim 14, wherein the at least one compressible lamella (4) rests with its operational part on the at least one sanding lamella (3) and is supported by the at least one sanding lamella (3).

16. (NEW) Sanding element according to claim 15, wherein the at least one sanding lamella (3) partly does not cover the at least one compressible lamella (4) and wherein the at least one compressible lamella (4) partly does not cover the at least one sanding lamella (3).

17. (NEW) Sanding element according to claim 16, further comprising a round, disc-shaped support (2) with the succession of partly overlapping lamellas (3,4) are fixed tightly thereto by a layer of glue (8).

18. (NEW) Sanding element according to claim 17, wherein the at least one sanding lamella (3) is formed by an at least one selected from a group consisting of: fabric, paper, polyester, or polyester cotton.

19. (NEW) A method for finishing and removal of a workpiece with a single disc, comprising:

- (a) pressing a sanding element with a succession of overlapping lamellas fixed tightly to a disc-shaped support;
- (b) removing workpiece material by sanding with the disc-shaped support;
- (c) simultaneously finishing workpiece material using the disc-shaped support, without using a second disc.